THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, 16th August 1954.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman (THE HON. DR. P. V. CHERIAN) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Promotion of Government servants as per communal G.O.

* 144 *Q.*—SRI M. K. M. ABDUL SALAM: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the communal G.O. is now being followed in the matter of promotion of Government servants; and

(*b*) if so, whether any particular community is excluded from recruitment to certain departments?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

MR. CHAIRMAN :—" Question Nos. 145 and 146 are postponed."

Rules of admission of students to the Central Polytechnic.

* 147 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the same rules of admission of students as in the case of State Professional Colleges are applicable in respect of the Central Polytechnic, Madras; and

(*b*) whether a selection committee has been constituted by the Government for admission of students to the Central Polytechnic, Madras?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) The rules relating to the admission of students in the State Professional Colleges are applicable to the Central Polytechnic also, except in regard to selection committee and system of district quota.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" Will the Government consider the constitution of a committee from next year onwards for this purpose? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" For constituting a Committee for next year, there is yet sufficient

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time, Sir. The Government did not consider it necessary to constitute a committee because there was no question of interviewing the applicants before selection."

SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM :—" May I know, Sir, whether any complaint has been received pointing out any irregularity in the selection of candidates to this Institute? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I am not aware of any such complaint, Sir."

Annual produce of sugarcane in this State.

* 148 *Q.*—SRI M. ETHIRAJULU : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total annual produce in tons of sugarcane in this State;

(*b*) the total produce in the South Arcot district alone; and

(*c*) the total requirement of sugar in this State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the paper [a] placed on the table of the House."

List of Newspapers, institutions, etc., supplied with Government publications free of charge.

* 149 *Q.*—SRI T. PURUSHOTHAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased—

(*a*) to lay on the table of the House (i) a list of institutions and individuals included in the list of persons eligible for supply of papers placed on the Editors' table;

(ii) a list of newspapers eligible for free supply of Government publications; and

(iii) a list of newspapers for which Government advertisements are generally given;

(*b*) to state what State papers are generally placed on the Editors' table; and

(*c*) whether Members of the State Legislature are supplied from time to time all important Government Orders and communiques of a general nature; and if not, why not?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Lists [b] are placed on the table of the House.

" (*b*) Administration Reports are generally placed on the Editors' table.

" (*c*) No, Sir; there is no need to supply copies of Press communiquès and Government Orders to the Members."

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 508 infra.
[b] Printed as Appendix II on pages 509-515 infra.